

Playoff action begins in Lancaster softball

The Town of Lancaster recreation softball league began its playoff schedule this past week and it will be the usual suspects playing for the Division 1 championship. Hit-N-Run looks to repeat as champions as they moved into the title game by knocking off the Fireside 15-2, Steve Landahl tossed a three hitter and did not allow a run until the last inning while helping his own cause by going 4-4 at the plate. Gerry Landahl, Darrell Gold and Jim Bolzio all joined in on the fun as they combined for 10 hits and 9 runs driven in. Dave Kasprzyzak made several outstanding plays behind the plate in the victory.

The Broadway All-Stars made sure it would be a rematch of last years final as they took down the Ellicott Manor/OLBS 12-10. The All-Stars scored runs in the first six innings using a 3 run sixth to break a 9-9 tie and held on for the win, Brandon Wehrung hit two mammoth home runs to spark his team. Proven playoff performer Jeff Kupka added to the winning cause going 3-4 with two doubles and 3 RBI. Don Wutz, Rick Spier and Mark Skowran all went 2 for 3 in the losing cause.

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In a game that was much closer than the score indicates the GBP broke a 12 run tie by crossing the plate 14 times in the sixth inning and ending all hopes of a Fireside upset. The GBP pounded out 29 hits on the night as Adam Bistoff, Randy Moley, Justin Williams and Matt Klopfer all homered and collected 3 hits on the evening. Aaron Szrama managed to settle his pitcher down after a rough start as he called a great game behind the plate. The Fireside was led by Brian McKenzie who hit two tape measure home runs in defeat.

Elks 15 Macaroon's 14

Trailing by 4 runs heading into their last at bats the Elks bats caught fire as they plated 5 runs and moved into the championship game, Karl Schurkus played the role of the hero as he hit game winning 2 run double. Dan Baccari found the fountain of youth as he hit for the cycle as the wily veterans of the Elks now set their sights on taking down the young GBP squad.

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Desiderio's jumped out to a 12-0 lead and then had to sweat it out as the GBP rallied late to make a game of it. Paul Batt was on top of his game at the plate going 3 for 4 with a home run and 6 RBI, Darrell Gold and Larry Jarmuz each contributed 3 hits and drove in 2 runs apiece. Mark Morris and Mike Stonitch went 3 for 4 in the losing effort.

Macaroon's 17 Franks 16

Macaroon's scored 9 runs in the last two innings to squeak into the championship game, Rick Wells was a driving force going 4 for 5 with 3 doubles and 3 RBI. Keith Sharp, Rich Lomont and Gary Hillman all chipped in 3 hits in the comeback win. Ed Gerth took the loss on the hill but did his best to keep his team in the game as he was 3 for 4 with a double driving in 2 runs.